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Quarterly Tribal Gaming Contributions to Arizona Rose 10.1 Percent

PHOENIX — Quarterly tribal contributions from Indian gaming revenue to the state of Arizona increased 10.1 percent from the same period a year ago, the Arizona Department of Gaming announced today.

The tribes' combined contributions for the quarter ended June 30, 2007 was approximately \$28.1 million, compared to \$25.5 million in the same quarter a year ago.

Under the Arizona Tribal-State Gaming Compact, tribes in Arizona that operate casinos contribute one to eight percent of their Class III net win to education, healthcare and other programs. Net win is the difference between a casino's gaming wins and losses, before casino costs and expenses are deducted. Class III gaming includes jackpot poker, slot machines, blackjack, keno and off-track pari-mutuel betting. Tribes send contributions to the Arizona Benefits Fund every three months.

Here is how the quarterly tribal contributions in the Arizona Benefits Fund were distributed:

TOTAL tribal contributions for the quarter ended June 30, 2007	\$28,106,670
Instructional Improvement Fund/Education:	\$14,008,364
Trauma and Emergency Services Fund:	\$ 7,004,182
Administrative and regulatory expenses (Arizona Department of Gaming):	\$ 2,529,600
Arizona Wildlife Conservation Fund:	\$ 2,001,195
State Tourism Fund:	\$ 2,001,195
Problem Gambling Education, Treatment and Prevention:	\$ 562,133

The Arizona Department of Gaming, in partnership with Arizona's tribes, regulates Indian gaming. There are 22 Class III American Indian casinos in the state.

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